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SUBJ CONTRACTING PARTIES' 29TH SESSION

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1. FINAL ITEM ON GATT COUNCIL AGENDA OCT 19 IS ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER SESSION OF CPS. PROVISIONAL AGENDA ISSUED OCT 8 AS L/3935. COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO (A) FIX DATES FOR SESSION AND (B) DISCUSS WHETHER CPS WISH TO HAVE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL CEREMONY DURING SESSION TO MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF GATT.

2. RE DURATION OF SESSION, WE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED SECRETARIAT WE CONSIDER THREE-DAY SESSION ADEQUATE. SEC HAS BEEN SOUNDING OUT OTHER DELS AND ADVISES US THERE SEEMS TO BE NO OBJECTION TO THIS. (PATTERSON ADMITS PROBLEM IS MORE LIKELY TO BE HOW TO FILL UP THREE DAYS; COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY IDEA IN PART STEMS FROM THIS.) COUNCIL WILL DECIDE WHETHER THREE-DAY PERIOD SHOULD
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BE DURING WEEK OF NOV 12 OR 19, CHOICE PROBABLY

DEPENDENT ON WHETHER TEXTILE NEGOTIATING GROUP RETAINS
ITS PRESENT PLAN TO RESUME WORK NOV 5. IF TEXTILES
DEFERRED A WEEK, CP SESSION LIKELY BE DURING WEEK OF
NOV 12 TO AVOID OVERLAP.

3. ONLY HINT SO FAR OF TOPIC FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION AT
SESSION IS GATT ASPECTS OF EC ENLARGEMENT. SEVERAL
LOCAL REPS HAVE QUERIED US WHETHER US INTENDS USE
SESSION TO COMPLAIN ABOUT XXIV:6 RENEGOTIATIONS AND/OR
RESUMPTION OF XXIV:5(A) EXAMINATION. WE HAVE THUS FAR
DODGED THESE QUESTIONS ON GROUNDS DELICATE STATE OF
XXIV:6 AND OUR HOPES FOR EARLY ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME.

4. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD ANY SPECIFIC THOUGHTS FROM LONG
RE COMMEMORATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY. HOWEVER, WE THINK
SESSION CANNOT REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO ATTRACT SUFFICIENT
NUMBER OF HIGH-RANKING PEOPLE TO AVOID EMBARRASSING
COMPARISON WITH TOKYO MINISTERIAL. ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD
PREFER MODES ENTERPRISE.BASSIN

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